

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 25 new fires reported. One new large fire (*) was reported in the Southern Area. One large fire was contained in the Southern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

BARR LITE, Texas Forest Service. This fire is 25 miles south of Marfa, TX in grass. Minimal fire activity was reported.

RASELY ROAD, Florida Division of Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Beauchamp) is assigned. The team is also managing the WF New Smyrna 44/95 fire. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

ARECA, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land six miles northwest of Sharpes, FL in southern rough. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is one mile west of New Smyrna, FL in southern rough. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BERG, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is 14 miles south of Belle Grade, FL in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

TOSOHATCHEE, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles southwest of Titusville, FL in timber and southern rough. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

BIG BEND, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Osceola County, FL in southern rough. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

29 POWELL, Florida Division of Forestry. This fire is in Hillsborough County, FL in grass. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
* BARR LITE	TX	TXS	740	60	5/15	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST
RASELY ROAD	FL	FLS	1,157	85	5/17	92	0	10	0	0	147K	ST
ARECA	FL	FLS	5,618	80	5/17	198	0	77	4	1	474K	PRI
WF NEW SMYRNA 44/95	FL	FLS	1,569	80	5/17	134	0	15	0	1	147K	ST
BERG	FL	FLS	14,000	25	5/15	9	0	4	0	0	2.35K	ST
TOSOHATCHEE	FL	FLS	817	80	5/17	58	0	27	0	0	237K	ST
BIG BEND	FL	FLS	1,585	60	5/28	8	0	2	0	0	NR	ST
29 POWELL	FL	FLS	450	70	5/28	12	0	6	1	1	1.2K	ST

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

SNOWFIELD, Utah State Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, Southwest Area. This fire is 20 miles south of Cedar City, UT in grass and brush. Isolated torching and burning in the interior were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
SNOWFIELD	UT	SWS	614	5/16	70	33	2	4	0	0	NR	ST

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
TORCH	CA	FKU	4,500	100	---	243	8	24	0	0	NR	ST

FKU – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Fresno-Kings Unit

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Beneath a large high pressure ridge in the West, thunderstorms will develop from Texas across the Four Corners region, and into portions of California and Oregon. Dry thunderstorms are possible near the Arizona and New Mexico border, and over the Great Basin.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<p>Southwest Area Partly cloudy, hot and dry across most of Arizona and far western New Mexico with isolated to widely scattered dry thunderstorms. From the continental divide eastward, variable clouds, cooler and more humid with widely scattered to scattered showers or storms.</p>	<p>60s to 70s across the mountains, as well as much of central and eastern New Mexico into west Texas. Upper 70s to near 105 across far western New Mexico into Arizona.</p>	<p>5 to 15% across Arizona into far western New Mexico, 15 to 45% from western New Mexico eastward into west Texas.</p>	<p>Variable 5 to 15 mph across Arizona and far western New Mexico. East to southeast at 10 to 20 mph and gusty across the rest of New Mexico and west Texas.</p>
<p>Rocky Mountain Area Scattered showers and afternoon thunderstorms in southern Colorado, with a few afternoon thunderstorms in the far eastern plains. Dry elsewhere.</p>	<p>70s, with mid 50s and 60s in the mountains.</p>	<p>15 to 25% in northwest Colorado and southwest Wyoming, with 25% to 40% elsewhere.</p>	<p>North or east 10 to 18 mph.</p>
<p>Southern California Area Night and morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise mostly sunny.</p>	<p>75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 95 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.</p>	<p>10 to 20%.</p>	<p>Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.</p>
<p>Southern Area No information was reported.</p>			
<p>Eastern Great Basin Area No information was reported.</p>			



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ATTEMPTING A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON A FIRE

Attempting a frontal assault on a fire is recognized as Watchout Situation #10 and is a potentially dangerous tactic.

If your tactics include a frontal assault, the following checklist must be adequately addressed before engaging the fire:

- Has the fire been scouted and sized up? Who will scout and size up a fire and what are they looking for?
- Is your position defensible? List what makes a firefighter's position defensible. (Anchor points, safety zones, escape routes, etc.)
- Are escape routes and safety zones adequate? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route.
- Do you have an anchor point? How would you establish an anchor point for a frontal assault on a fire?

- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assault? Discuss things you need to consider; for example, if the frontal assault fails, do you have backup?
- Are you informed on strategy, tactics, and hazards? Consider what could happen if someone has a different approach than you; i.e., the IC has a burnout operation planned while you are attempting frontal assault.
- Is the terrain favorable to holding the fire? Discuss ways the terrain will influence where you will make a stand.

In order to reduce the risks, reassess your tactics, post lookouts, identify situations in which firefighters may be enticed to attempt frontal assault on a fire. Review why this may or may not be a good idea.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	4						4
	ACRES	1						1
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	1						1
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3					3
	ACRES		191					191
Southwest	FIRES	4					8	12
	ACRES	2					5	7
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					2	1	3
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						101	101
TOTAL	FIRES	9	3	0	0	2	11	25
	ACRES	4	191	0	0	0	106	301

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					34		34
	ACRES					105		105
Northwest	FIRES	31	4	2		87	30	154
	ACRES	72	3	3		260	93	431
Northern California	FIRES	12			1	174	16	203
	ACRES	14			0	1,552	1,242	2,808
Southern California	FIRES		4				32	36
	ACRES		10				11,096	11,106
Northern Rockies	FIRES	169	2	8	1	80	15	275
	ACRES	1,060	101	975	223	3,998	228	6,585
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	12	16			23	3	54
	ACRES	160	44			1,303	4	1,511
Western Great Basin	FIRES		31		3	3	2	39
	ACRES		1,225		2	0	0	1,227
Southwest	FIRES	315	71	1	44	599	255	1,285
	ACRES	2,237	2,064	431	4,453	268,210	14,001	291,396
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	64	14	33	3	265	50	429
	ACRES	968	56	1,821	0	131,247	7,537	141,629
Eastern Area	FIRES	423		33	47	8,684	406	9,593
	ACRES	5,721		828	247	71,664	12,999	91,459
Southern Area	FIRES	386		147	48	25,222	687	26,490
	ACRES	42,932		14,887	5,683	1,708,437	35,189	1,807,128
TOTAL	FIRES	1,412	142	224	147	35,171	1,496	38,592
	ACRES	53,164	3,503	18,945	10,608	2,186,776	82,389	2,355,385

Ten Year Average Fires	29,383
Ten Year Average Acres	592,574

*** Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. ***

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						97	97
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				12			12
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
	ACRES	0	0	0	12	0	97	109

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					3		3
Northwest	FIRES	18	119	51	1	1	141	331
	ACRES	3,761	10,033	6,602	98	180	15,733	36,407
Northern California	FIRES	17	3	19	3		73	115
	ACRES	207	222	25,522	14		2,633	28,598
Southern California	FIRES		5	3	1		56	65
	ACRES		285	59	12		2,013	2,369
Northern Rockies	FIRES		20	86	2	21	205	334
	ACRES		3,392	15,173	268	1,630	27,600	48,063
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	13	6	2	4	41	69
	ACRES	1,391	2,673	1,549	1,845	73	15,279	22,810
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	3			1	9
	ACRES		325	12			1,085	1,422
Southwest	FIRES	23	12	3	4		97	139
	ACRES	3,767	10,696	6,856	923		49,658	71,900
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	19	92	12	31	91	271
	ACRES	2,591	5,460	19,218	8,957	1,767	26,868	64,861
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		438	34	1,042	136	1,686
	ACRES	15,037		53,073	5,081	59,320	27,353	159,864
Southern Area	FIRES	21		151	47	225	715	1,159
	ACRES	5,839		68,497	13,668	116,309	573,381	777,694
TOTAL	FIRES	144	196	852	106	1,325	1,556	4,179
	ACRES	32,593	33,086	196,561	30,866	179,282	741,603	1,213,991

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR TO DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				4			4
	ACRES				1			1
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				1,656			1,656
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		0		0			0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	6	0	0	7
	ACRES	0	0	0	1,657	0	0	1,657

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	0	0	272	2,474
Yukon Territory	0	0	2	1
Alberta	0	3	450	3,667
Northwest Territory	0	0	1	0
Saskatchewan	3	0	82	838
Manitoba	1	0	50	343
Ontario	1	0	137	624
Quebec	8	1,374	150	1,481
Newfoundland	0	0	27	124
New Brunswick	4	2	225	423
Nova Scotia	2	3	168	1,548
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	12	474
Total	19	1,382	1,576	11,996

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	2	1	7						1	
Northern California										
Southern California	2	6	19	5					4	9
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	2			4					2	3
Western Great Basin	1		1		1					
Southwest			4				7		2	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area					1				5	
Southern Area	1		17	126	6	2	3		74	177
Total	8	7	48	135	8	2	10	0	88	189

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